



Invitation to Native American Artists **Request for Proposal**



*Native American Music Artists/Bands
to perform at The American Indian Society
of Washington DC's*

American Indian Inaugural Ball

“A Celebration of Many Nations - One People”

January 20, 2009

Dear Prospective Offerer:

The American Indian Society of Washington, DC is seeking proposals from Native American Music Artists/Bands to perform at the American Indian Inaugural Ball on January 20, 2009, in the Washington, D.C. Area. Three primary bands will be selected. **Deadline for proposals is September 1, 2008.**

This will be the eleventh American Indian Inaugural Ball hosted by the AISDC. The American Indian Inaugural Ball brings together and celebrates Native leaders, organizations, artists, musicians, and professionals from across the country. This is a unique opportunity to showcase your talent before an audience of nearly 3,000 people including tribal leaders and business professionals from all across Indian Country.

There will be a Pow Wow the night before the ball and a brunch the morning after the ball, both at the host hotel.

Compensation for performances will include a table at the ball, opportunity to sell your recorded music/merchandise, brunch the morning after the ball, and room(s) at the host hotel on the nights of January 19 and 20. Your proposal should include:

- (1) performance fee
- (2) travel requirements (number of airline tickets required or a fixed dollar amount to travel by vehicle or other mode of transportation)
- (3) total number of rooms needed if less than one room per band member is required (cost of rooms will be added to determine total cost of proposal)
- (4) any other expenses/fees/requirements
- (5) Minimum of two CDs or other form of recorded music
- (6) Band/Performer Photo(s)

(7) Bios of all band members including tribal affiliation if applicable

Please Note: Air travel will be arranged by our travel agent. If traveling by air you will be picked up and dropped off at the airport by a staff member.

The 3-hour performance period requirement on January 20, 2009, will be between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. Setup and practice will take place the day of the ball, January 20, 2009. Assignment of hours will be determined after selection of performers.

Selection will be based on your proposed total cost including performance fee, number of rooms required, travel costs, other fees/expenses/requirements (if any), music quality, and genre of the music. We are seeking a variety of danceable music styles. Factored in the selection process will be a preference for Native American artists because our goal is to promote and showcase Native artists. Full payment will be made upon completion of performance.

When submitting your proposal, please take the following into consideration:

AISDC is a non-profit organization with an all volunteer staff and a limited budget; This is a promotional opportunity for your band offering exposure to Native leaders, organizations, professionals, and people from all over the country; and, The bands joining us for this important event will be supporting Native people in the nation's capital and beyond.

It is the goal of the American Indian Society of Washington, D.C., to bring Native people together for social, spiritual, and educational gatherings and to support young generations through an annual scholarship fund and seasonal family activities. Our diverse membership totals more than 800 members who reside in more than twenty-three states, Canada, and the Netherlands. Participation in this event directly benefits the initiatives and programs of the AIS, now in its fourth decade, including future American Indian Inaugural Balls. Our web site is www.aisdc.org.

We hope to share this important occasion with you!

Send your proposals with all requirements in paragraph 3 above to:

Steve Hill
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Winchester, VA 22602

For further information, please contact Steve Hill, AIS Second Vice President and Entertainment Committee Chair at senecapaint@hotmail.com (540) 877-9026 or me at mdnephew@pepco.com.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Nephew
President
American Indian Society of Washington, DC